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FOR: Electronic Mail Software  
with Modular Integrated  
Authoring/Reading Software  
Components

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Sir:

This is a timely reply to a Final Action dated December 28,  
2000 (Paper #9).

PETITION TO REMOVE THE FINALITY OF PAPER NUMBER 9

A first action issued in this case on March 1, 2000 (Paper  
Number 4) and a Response was filed on June 30, 2000 (Paper Number  
5). A second, non-final action issued on September 26, 2000  
(Paper Number 6).

In October, the Applicant realized that she incorrectly  
failed to include reference to NSF grants on the first page of the  
application. Accordingly, an Amendment was filed on October 27,  
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2000 to correct this error. The Amendment filed on October 27 was not intended to be a response to Paper Number 6 and it did not address Paper Number 6 or even mention anything about Paper Number 6.

Paper Number 9 issued on December 28, 2000 indicating that it was "responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2000." On January 5, 2001, an attorney for the Applicant spoke with supervisory personnel in this art unit and was informed that a Petition to remove the Finality of Paper Number 9 would almost certainly be treated favorably.

For the foregoing reasons it is respectfully requested that the Finality of Paper Number 9 be removed and the following Amendment be considered and entered in its entirety. The \$130 petition fee is enclosed herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

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1. (twice amended) An electronic mail client, comprising:
  - a plurality of [integrated] authoring and reading components, a first of said plurality of [integrated] authoring components for creating a representation of a document including an other than